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TO: THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
WASHINGTON, DC 20231

DECLARATION

1. I am Charles E. Lykes, Jr., the declarant herein. All statements made herein are of my own personal knowledge.
2. I have been admitted to practice before the United States Patent Office since December, 1980. My admission number is 30,083.
3. On November 22, 2003, I was notified that I was being mobilized as a member of the 350th Civil Affairs Command for duty in Iraq in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (OIF). I first reported to the Reserve Center in Pensacola, Florida, then to field training at Camp Shelby, Mississippi, then to our mobilization station at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, and was flown into this theater on January 24, 2004. I was stationed in the Green Zone (now called the International Zone) in Baghdad until October 2, 2004, and was then sent to Kuwait for redeployment to the United States. On October 10, 2004, I was redeployed to

Ft. Bragg, North Carolina and was finally released from active duty on November 21, 2004.

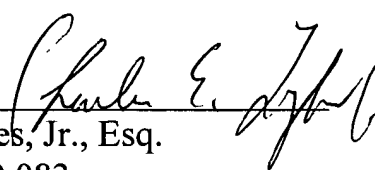
4. Following release from active duty I required some period of time for readjustment, rest, and to begin taking care of personal affairs. These activities here have kept me very much occupied.

5. I have decided to keep my office location and phone in my name and reopen my practice. I am a sole practitioner attorney and will need to regenerate my practice. I have had no partners or associates available to handle my affairs. Any penalties would be a loss of income and prejudice my employment upon return. Any penalty fees assessed against me would be against either me personally or against my clients because of my military service.

6. This action and all attachments will be deposited in the mail today, January 24, 2005, which is within the six month period since January 22 and January 23, 2005, were Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

7. I, Charles E. Lykes, Jr., being fully aware that false statements are punishable as perjury pursuant to 18 USC Section 1001, do hereby execute this document for the reasons herein expressed this 24th day of January ,

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Charles E. Lykes, Jr., Esq.

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